



# TASMANIA AT A GLANCE 1995

**PHYSICAL**

Area of State (incl. lesser islands) .....	km <sup>2</sup>	68 331
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**CLIMATE**

		Hobart	Launceston Airport
Average annual rainfall (long term).....	mm	626	721
Mean temperatures: (1994) -			
Winter	Min .....	5.4	2.4
	Max .....	12.5	11.6
Summer	Min .....	12.8	11.1
	Max .....	22.6	23.7

**POPULATION**

	1986	1991	1994p
Estimated resident population			
at 30 June .....	no.		
Aged less than 15 .....	446 473	466 802	472 357
Aged 15-24 .....	107 485	107 926	106 600
Aged 25-64 .....	74 627	71 339	69 528
Aged 65 and over .....	215 829	232 173	237 565
Greater Hobart Statistical Division .....	no.		
Greater Launceston Statistical District .....	48 532	55 364	58 664
Burns/Devonport Statistical District .....	82 071	190 950	194 167
Density .....	no./km <sup>2</sup>		
	6.5	6.8	6.9

**VITALS**

	1983	1992	1993
Births .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	7 062	6 987	6 835
Deaths .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	16.3	14.9	14.5
Marriages .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	3 319	3 739	3 637
Divorces .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	7.67	8.0	7.7
Marriages .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	3 644	3 081	3 355
Divorces .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	8.4	6.6	6.5
Divorces .....	no.		
Rate per thousand population .....	1 359	1 365	1 465
	3.1	2.9	3.1

**TOURISM AND TRAVEL**

	1992	1993	1994
Total visitors to Tasmania (a) .....	no.		
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania (a) .....	\$m		
Passenger movements (incl. residents) -			
Arrivals by air:			
Interstate .....	no.		
New Zealand .....	no.		
Arrivals by sea (b) .....	no.		
Total arrivals .....	no.		
Departures total (b) .....	no.		
Accommodation (hotel capacity) -			
Hotels and motels etc., with facilities:			
Guest rooms available .....	no.		
Half-day unit establishments:			
Units available .....	no.		
Caravan parks:			
Sites and cabins, flats etc. ....	no.		

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Dept. of Tourism, Sport and Recreation.

p = preliminary figures

(b) Source: Dept. of Tourism, Sport and Recreation. Note: excludes cruise ships.

r = revised figures

**EDUCATION**

		1992	1993	1994
Schools:	Government .....	265	237	233
	Non government .....	72	65	68
Students:	Government .....	65 713	64 727	64 061
	Non-government .....	20 576	21 034	21 298
University (total enrolments) .....		11 313	11 618	12 030
Maritime College (total enrolments) .....		1 378	1 256	1 363

**LABOUR FORCE**

(seasonally adjusted)

		Mar. 1993	Mar. 1994	Mar. 1995
Persons in labour force .....	no.	215 000	222 300	222 000
Employed .....	no.	189 500	194 600	199 200
Unemployed .....	no.	25 500	26 400	22 800
Participation rate .....	%	59.5	60.4	60.5
Unemployment rate .....	%	11.9	11.9	10.3

Employed wage and

salary earners by industry -

		Sept. 1992	Sept. 1993	Sept. 1994
Mining .....	no.	1 500	1 800	1 700
Manufacturing .....	no.	21 400	21 600	21 500
Electricity, gas and water .....	no.	3 600	3 400	2 300
Construction .....	no.	5 400	5 600	6 700
Wholesale and retail trade .....	no.	29 300	31 500	25 300
Transport and storage .....	no.	6 200	6 100	4 900
Communication .....	no.	2 400	2 200	2 300
Finance, property and business services .....	no.	12 400	12 700	10 800
Public administration and defence .....	no.	9 900	9 600	9 800
Community services .....	no.	38 300	43 400	41 000
Recreation, personal and other services .....	no.	11 600	11 900	12 100
Total .....	no.	142 800	150 500	139 200

**RETAIL TRADE (a)**

		1980	1986	1992
Retail establishments at 30 June .....	no.	4 268	4 592	4 839

Turnover -

		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Food retailing .....	\$m	1 038.4	1 125.0	1 155.1
Clothing and softgoods retailing .....	\$m	201.4	192.5	193.2
Household goods retailing .....	\$m	238.1	256.0	243.5
Recreational goods retailing .....	\$m	188.0	208.4	206.8
Hospitality and services .....	\$m	446.4	425.9	440.2
Other retailing (b) .....	\$m	444.6	451.3	510.0
Total .....	\$m	2 556.9	2 659.1	2 748.8

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

(b) includes department stores.

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**FOREIGN TRADE**

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Value of imports into Tasmania .....\$m	287	334	442
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin .....\$m	1 439	1 527	1 543

**WAGES**

	Nov. 1992	Nov. 1993	Nov. 1994
Total average weekly earnings, full-time			
adult employees .....\$	582.5	613.5	636.90
increase over previous year .....%	3.2	4.1	3.8
Award rates of pay index for			
full-time adult wage and			
salary earners (1985 = 100.0) .....\$	138.8	140.7	140.0
increase over previous year .....%	0.7	1.3	0.7

**TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA**

	Period	Tasmania	Per cent of Australian Total
Area ..... '000 sq km	-	68.3	0.89
Demography -			
Estimated resident population ..... '000	30 June 1993	471.4	2.67
Births ..... no.	1993	6 835	2.63
Deaths (including infant deaths) ..... no.	1993	3 637	2.99
Marriages ..... no.	1993	3 055	2.70
Divorces ..... no.	1993	1 465	3.03
Labour Force (seasonally adjusted) -			
Employed persons ..... '000	March 1995	199.2	2.44
Unemployed persons ..... '000	March 1995	22.8	2.95
Agriculture			
Gross value of agriculture			
commodities produced (a) .....\$m	1993-94	626.3	2.6
Area of establishments ..... '000 ha	1993-94	969	0.4
Cattle ..... '000	1993-94	679	2.6
Sheep ..... '000	1993-94	4 324	3.3
Pigs ..... '000	1993-94	46	1.6
Milk ..... million litres	1993-94	427	5.6
Wool (greasy) ..... tonnes	1993-94	17 613	2.6
Manufacturing			
Establishments ..... no.	1991-92	857	2.1
Persons employed ..... '000	1991-92	23.3	2.6
Turnover ..... \$m	1991-92	3 903.7	2.3
Foreign Trade -			
Total imports ..... \$m	1993-94	442	0.7
Total exports ..... \$m	1993-94	1 543	2.5

**AGRICULTURE**

## Livestock numbers -

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows) .....	146.0	159.5	171.6
Beef cattle .....	446.7	445.2	507.3
Sheep and lambs .....	4 294.8	4 263.6	4 323.9
Pigs .....	40.0	43.9	45.5

## Production of

Meat (carcass weight) .....	67 524	67 770	71 031
Milk (source: Australian Dairy Corporation) .....	372	413	447
Wool (greasy) .....	18 293	17 590	17 613
Barley for grain .....	31 793	35 285	40 755
Apples .....	50 439	56 213	54 954
Beans, french and runner (processing) .....	9 243	8 829	7 577
Peas, green (processing) .....	27 829	27 715	35 054
Onions .....	78 267	59 305	70 709
Potatoes .....	249 769	269 902	291 423
Lupins (dry weight) .....	2 118	2 314	2 195
Oilseeds (area) .....	7 584	5 298	5 953

Gross value .....	533.5	568.7	620.3
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**MINING**

Turnover of establishments .....	382.6	375.5	n.a.
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## Mineral concentrates produced -

Copper concentrate .....	97.4	107.6	129.1
Iron concentrate (pellets) .....	145.6	1458.9	1565.9
Tin concentrate .....	10.7	12.1	13.4
Zinc concentrate .....	335.0	454.3	316.5

**MANUFACTURING**

Turnover of establishments .....	3 903.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
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## Production of -

Newspprint .....	202.8	228.4	208.9
Refined zinc .....	206.0	212.0	193.8
Sulphuric acid .....	359.1	355.5	362.0
Superphosphate .....	75.9	74.6	74.4
Electricity .....	8 967	8 864	8 855
Gas (mains) .....	63 377	6 432	55 767
Sawn timber .....	297.1	324.1	348.0
Woodchips .....	3 356.0	3 565.8	3 726.1

**BUILDING**

## New dwelling units approved -

Private .....	3 739	3 951	4 037
Public .....	164	143	110
Total .....	3 903	4 094	4 147
Value .....	260 296	275 262	301 963

## Value of all non-residential building

approved (new, plus alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more) .....	105 941	103 107	145 922
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n.y.a. = not yet available.

<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>
New motor vehicles registered			
during year .....no.	12 436	12 497	13 380
New motorcycles registered			
during year .....no.	371	440	376
Total motor vehicles & motorcycles			
on register at 30 June .....no.	304 700	310 800	316 100
<b>ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (a)</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>
Accidents involving casualties .....no.	1 234	1 190	1 223
Persons killed .....no.	74	58	58
Persons injured .....no.	1 712	1 687	1 739
<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>1983-84</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>
State Government -			
Current outlays .....\$m	606	1 973	2 079
Final consumption expenditure .....\$m	657	1 263	1 330
Capital outlays .....\$m	340	279	271
Expenditure on fixed assets .....\$m	318	312	445
Revenue and grants received .....\$m	171	2 135	2 184
Taxes, fees and fines .....\$m	798	558	592
Grants received .....\$m	765	167	1 128
Local Government -	<b>1983-84</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>
Current outlays .....\$m	73	145	158
Capital outlays .....\$m	37	80	78
Revenue and grants received .....\$m	113	228	237
Tax, fees and fines .....\$m	55	22	132
Grants received .....\$m	34	62	65
Private -			
Banking:	<b>1984</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>
Deposits, (b) June .....\$m	n.a.	3 095	3 263
Housing Finance:	<b>1983-84</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>
Total secured housing commitments (c) \$m	211	62	773
<b>PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)</b>	<b>Dec. 1992</b>	<b>Dec. 1993</b>	<b>Dec. 1994</b>
Consumer Price Index			
(1989-90 = 100.0) .....no.	108.0	111.6	114.2
Increase over previous year .....%	0.6	3.3	2.3
Building materials -	<b>Jan. 1993</b>	<b>Jan. 1994</b>	<b>Jan. 1995</b>
House (1985-86 = 100.0) .....no.	40.7	44.5	150.0
Increase over previous year .....%	2.3	2.7	3.8
Other than house (a)			
(1989-90 = 100.0) .....no.	108.3	110.3	112.0
Increase over previous year .....%	1.2	1.8	1.5

(a) Source: Department of Transport and Works.

(b) Average of weekly figures.

(c) Excludes alterations and additional financing re-financing.

(d) Now published on a reference base of 1989-90 = 100.0.

n.a. = not available

p = preliminary figures

# CENSUS SUPPLEMENT – TASMANIA

## EMPLOYED PERSONS (by industry)

	1981	1986	1991
Agriculture .....	12 996	13 066	11 404
Mining .....	4 311	3 298	2 305
Manufacturing .....	26 124	24 718	23 276
Electricity, gas & water .....	4 641	5 052	2 983
Construction .....	10 963	11 325	9 366
Wholesale, retail trade .....	29 078	31 318	31 349
Transport, storage .....	8 156	8 252	7 397
Communication .....	3 401	3 560	2 544
Finance, property & bus. services .....	10 760	12 208	13 387
Public admin., defence .....	8 846	9 002	10 025
Community services .....	29 619	35 036	35 039
Recreation, personal & others .....	10 209	11 911	13 147
Not stated .....	11 298	5 649	(a) 16 172
TOTAL .....	170 402	174 398	178 403

## EMPLOYED PERSONS (by industry sector)

	1981	1986	1991
Commonwealth Government .....	10 613	11 479	9 449
State Government .....	34 746	36 399	31 213
Local Government .....	3 015	3 244	3 711
Private Sector .....	112 603	119 880	123 395
Not stated .....	9 425	3 396	10 635
TOTAL .....	170 402	174 398	178 403

## QUALIFICATIONS (highest level obtained)

	1981	1986	1991
Degree or higher .....	11 704	14 412	20 784
Other qualifications .....	54 868	72 979	61 971
Not qualified .....	207 002	211 274	222 498
Not stated .....	26 161	31 150	40 167
TOTAL .....	299 738	329 815	345 420

## OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS

	1981	1986	1991
Owned .....	44 740	58 157	68 115
Being purchased .....	44 977	47 588	45 038
Rented .....			
Government .....	9 522	14 388	15 022
Other .....	29 863	22 359	26 222
Total rented .....	39 385	36 747	41 244
Not stated .....	6 476	6 307	8 707
TOTAL .....	135 578	148 799	163 104

(a) = Includes unclassifiable.